BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1999-258-C - ORDER NO. 1999-467

JULY 1, 1999

IN RE: Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for Approval of the Transfer of Assets to Crown Castle.

ORDER APPROVING

TRANSACTION,

SUBJECT TO

INTERVENTION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) for approval of the transfer by lease of certain wireless towers in South Carolina to Crown Castle. BellSouth will receive from Crown Castle the sum of approximately \$325,000 per tower as consideration for Crown Castle's long term lease of these wireless communications towers. The total amount paid by Crown Castle to BellSouth for the lease of not less than 13, and not more than 20 towers in South Carolina will not exceed approximately \$6.5 million. BellSouth states that the interests of customers of BellSouth in South Carolina are sufficiently protected by the proposed leases. Our approval of this lease is required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-310 (Supp. 1998). We find that no hearing is required, since no one so far has intervened in this matter after proper Notice to the public.

We do note that the intervention time was not up when we considered this matter.

We find approval of this transaction to be in the public interest. However, we approve it

subject to any intervention that may have been filed by the return date. If intervention occurs, we reserve the right to revisit the issue.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Sirector

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